1) Caroline Moorehead

2) UN

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4) ICJ

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Islamic Council

6 May 1987

Mr Ian Martin
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Dear Mr Martin,

I wish to draw to your attention the 9 persons who have been sentenced to death in Somalia for their opposition to the government. All are teachers or graduates and, according to our information, were tried by a special court. Among the charges against them was that they had in their possession books by eminent Islamic scholars, for example Sayed Qutb, which were dangerous to the government.

Their names are as follows:

Shafei Mohamed Ahmad, aged 51
Uweiss Mohamed Ibrahim, 60
Mahmud Shaikh Farah, 35
Abdel Aziz Farah Mohamed, 32
Hassan Tahir Wein, 42
Hash Ulheya Khalil, 60
Hamed Osman Sidu, 25
Nur Barud Ghahan, 32 (and blind)
Yusuf Muallim Abdu, 34

I appeal to you, on behalf of the Islamic Council, to intercede with the Somali authorities to obtain a stay of execution and a fair trial. There is no suggestion that any of the condemned are guilty of any criminal offence.

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Yours sincerely,

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